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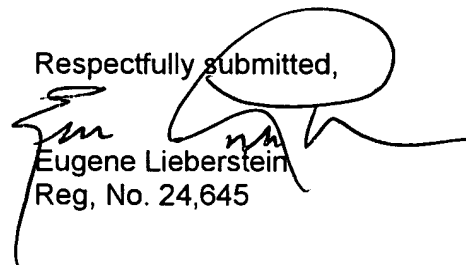
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The applicants are aware of the following references.

- 1) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No.10-079128
English Abstract is attached to a copy thereof.
- 2) Japanese Utility Model Application No. 01-042545
(corresponding to Japanese Laid-Open Utility Model
Application No. 02-135918 and Examined Japanese
Utility Model Application Publication No. 07-031367)
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